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Hello Examiner Gillis,

Thank you for the prompt reply to the voicemail that I left with you yesterday. Also, thank you for your thorough review of the specification (as evidenced by the objections that you raised regarding the FIGs).

I propose amending the independent claims of this case to further distinguish over the proposed combination including Donaldson by incorporating the sensors into the wall mountable housing. For example:

93. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a housing configured for mounting to a room wall external to and separate from the equipment rack and at a distance above a floor, the housing including:

at least one sensor configured to monitor environmental conditions ambient to rack mounted computer equipment located within an equipment rack, the at least one sensor selected from a group consisting of a temperature sensor and a humidity sensor;

~~a housing configured for mounting to a room wall external to and separate from the equipment rack, the housing including:~~

a processor responsive to the at least one sensor;

at least one network interface responsive to the processor and configured for communication with a distributed computing network;

a power control interface configured to access power management equipment;

a web server configured to provide a web page associated with information derived from the at least one sensor;

an email module configured to send notification of events associated with the at least one sensor;

a simple network management protocol module configured to communicate with computer equipment external to the housing; and

a modem responsive to the processor and configured to access a telephone line.

I look forward to any feedback you may have and would welcome a discussion.

Best regards,
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